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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 6, 2015

Western Slope Conservation Center
P.O. Box 1612
Paonia, CO 81428

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: MR-409
Stormwater Recycling Pipeline Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the West Elk Mine. The application was deemed complete on April 3, 2015.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit. This revision proposes to add a buried water pipeline to transfer stormwater from pond MB-5E to either the coal prep plant or West Elk's in-mine water storage area for future use. The revision does not propose any increase in the mine's permitted, affected or disturbed boundaries. There will be an increase in the mine's reclamation liability as a result of this revision. This liability increase will be calculated during technical adequacy. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

Permit Revision (PR), Permit Renewal (RN), or Technical Revision (TR) application materials are available for review at the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite C, Gunnison, CO 81230. Minor Revision (MR) and Surety Release (SL) application materials are available for review at the Division's Denver office.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by 'R. Stark'.

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